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MEMORANDUM FOR: Operations Officer

SUBJECT: Addition to Project JN 305-61

1. Project JN 305-61, now in work, provides for a qualitative rating of each quarter frame of KH photography with less than 50% cloud cover under one of the following qualitative headings: "poor", "fair", or "good". The definitions of these qualitative terms have been revised since the project started and have become less definitive than initially anticipated. As a result the terms "poor", "fair", and "good", although the best we can devise at this time, do not explain to the degree desirable the quality of photography insofar as the general intelligence user is concerned.

2. It is requested that in connection with Project JN 305-61 there be developed a guide or index as to what can normally be "seen" on cloud-free KH photography, under the headings "poor", "fair" and "good" and considering as many targets, objects or signatures as possible, such as roads, trails, railroads, bridges, buildings of various sizes, aircraft, SAM sites, MREB sites, ICBM sites, naval craft, vehicles, storage areas. The extent to which they can be "seen" should be explained, that is are they detected, distinguished, recognizable as to function, etc.

3. There is no particular format, content or method of presentation in mind. What is desired is a sort of "User's Guide to the Interpretability of KH Photography" and the team to which this is assigned should feel completely free to develop the subject in the most practical and appropriate manner. They should keep in mind that better photography is in prospect and should anticipate later revision or augmentation to incorporate it.

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